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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV WAIVER REQUEST - PREFERENCES FOR LEAST
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1. MILANOVIC (FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT) STATES OVERALL 1972
YUGOSLAV IMPORTS FROM 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PLUS BANGLADESH
\$50,862,000. TOTAL IMPORTS FROM THEM OF PRODUCTS COVERED UNDER
YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR ELIMINATION OF DUTIES \$7,081,000 OR
14 PERCENT OF OVERALL IMPORTS. CONSIDERABLE PART OF REMAINING
86 PERCENT, ACCORDING TO MILANOVIC, IN RAW MATERIALS ALREADY
FREE OF YUGOSLAV DUTIES.

2. 1972 YUGOSLAV IMPORTS FROM LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF PRODUCTS
COVERED UNDER PROPOSAL CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF FOLLOWING:
ALUMINA, TARIFF ITEM 26.01/5B (FROM GUINEA) \$2.8 MILLION;
JUTE FIBRE, TARIFF ITEM 57.03/1 (FROM BANGLADESH AND NEPAL)

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\$2.4 MILLION; HIDES AND LEATHER, TARIFF ITEMS 41.01 THROUGH

41/04 (FROM BOTSWANA, TANZANIA AND PARAGUAY) \$1 MILLION;
AND SISAL FIBRE, TARIFF ITEM 57.04/1 (FROM TANZANIA) \$800,000.

3. NO DATA AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL ON 1973 YUGOSLAV IMPORTS FROM
LEAST DEVELOPED, BUT MILANOVIC ESTIMATES THESE ROSE ABOUT 25
PERCENT.

4. FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT CALCULATES PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF DUTIES

WILL RESULT, OVER SHORT TERM, IN ONLY 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN YUGOSLAV
IMPORTS FROM LEAST DEVELOPED OF PRODUCTS CONCERNED - I.E., TOTAL
INCREASE OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR.

5. MEAGER IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL EFFECT ON YUGOSLAV LEAST DEVELOPED
TRADE WAS ONLY SECONDARY CONSIDERATION IN YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL,
MILANOVIC POINTS OUT. MORE IMPORTANT WAS YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE FOR SPECIAL
MEASURES TO AID LEAST DEVELOPED, AND TO PROVIDE EXAMPLE FOR OTHER
COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW.

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